

Students from Ritter School gather outside a teacher's room at Watkins School. The students toured the school where

they will go next year. Ritter will be closed as a money-saving effort of the Springfield Public Schools.

Contaminated water samples from lagoon prompt testing

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Traces of a cleaning solution discovered in samples taken from Litton Industry's lagoon earlier this month have prompted the Department of Natural Resources to conduct further tests.

Result of test performed on samples of water from sanitary lagoons and wells at Litton Industries, Advance Circuitry Division, 4811 W. Kearney, found traces of trichloroethylene, an indus-

trial solvent, according to an April 20th DNR memo.

Trichloroethylene is an organic compound primarily used as a metal degreaser. In high levels of exposure it causes rashes and can result in damage to the central nervous system, unconsciousness and uncoordination, according to a National Academy of Engineers report.

"We don't want to place too much value on what we found out there" because "chlorinated solvents evaporates very fast," Burl

McCullough, environmental specialist for the Department of Natural Resources, said.

"Naturally we're concerned about it because of a high number of sinkholes in the area and the potential for well contamination," McCullough said, adding that the results did warrant further testing.

Levels found at Litton wells were insignificant, ranging from .17 to .42 parts per million, however, those found at ponds and sewage lagoons ranged from .78 to 1.31 parts per million.

Senators sponsor Bond's regents nominees

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Sens. Paul Bradshaw and Richard Webster have agreed to sponsor Springfield businessman Bill Barclay and Neosho attorney Dwight Douglas as Gov. Christopher Bond's nominees for the Southwest Missouri State University Board of Regents.

Bond announced the pair's nomination today at a press conference in the regents' meeting room at SMSU. Bradshaw, R-Springfield, will sponsor Barclay and Webster, R-Carthage, will sponsor Douglas before the Senate gubernatorial appointments committee. Bond's appointment of the two men is not official until confirmed by the Senate. Both senators say they do

not expect any trouble in getting the pair confirmed.

Barclay expressed admiration for SMSU President Duane Meyer and the school's deans.

"When I was a youngster, this school was known as something of a cow college. He's (Meyer) taken it over and made it the second-largest institution in Missouri," Barclay said.

Douglas, when asked about his priorities as a regent, echoed Bond's frequent criticism that the administration of former Democratic governor Joe Teasdale has left the state with a severe financial crisis.

"Governor Bond has had extreme problems in finance created by the previous administration and has had the support of the legislature in

working that out," Douglas said. "My priority is to provide the people of southwest Missouri with the best education for their dollar possible."

Barclay, 51, is president of the Auto Magic Full Service Car Wash and the Ye Olde Buggy Bath self-service car washes in Springfield. He sits on the board of directors of Great Southern Savings and Loan Association. Though he is a Drury College graduate, he is a past president of the Papa Bears, an SMSU basketball booster club. Barclay is married and has four children.

Douglas, 37, is in private practice in Neosho and is secretary of Neosho Industries Inc. He is married and has two children. His grandfather was an SMSU regent, appointed by Governor Forrest Donnell.

Public School teachers present to school board members and salary increases will range 6.7 percent to 5.5 percent for teachers with bachelor's degrees fall.

School board members rejected the salary schedule from the Business Services Director Kenneth Kraft at a Wednesday session. During the session, Springfield-National Education Association President Wilbur said the salary increases are less when retirement and of the cost of a fringe-benefit package are deducted.

Also at Wednesday's session school board discussed changing proposal to cut busing for junior high students which has been recommended as a cost-saving measure.

Last month, the board virtually wiped out junior high busing moving the busing boundary from one mile to 3 1/2 miles. Under the proposal, students who live more than 3 1/2 miles from a school would have to find another way to get to classes.

Starting the school day for school students at 7:30 a.m. instead of 7:55 a.m. would free buses to transport junior high students to live within the present 3 1/2-mile limit, school officials said.

During discussion of the district's budget and proposed salary schedule for the 1981-82 school year, Kraft said the school district should have \$33,000 above expenses next fall.

With estimated salary improvements of more than \$2.2 million included, the total budget is expected to be \$45,160,017. Revenues are expected to be \$45,193,497, Kraft said.

Courts hustle to handle crowded cases